



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Highway 32 Right-of-way Fuels Hazard Reduction		
PROJECT LOCATION	State Highway 32 from Forest Ranch, CA to Lomo, CA (Humboldt Road)	COUNTY	Butte
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire)		
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### Project Description

This project will create a fuel break an average width of 40 feet for approximately 6 miles on each side of State Highway 32. The project will consist of cutting, piling, and burning of vegetative material within the highway right-of-way. All work will be accomplished by hand crews, no mechanical operation will occur off of any paved or graveled surface. This project will reduce hazardous fuels loading by removing brush and down wood material, and eliminate vertical and horizontal continuity of tree crowns with the purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, duration, and intensity. Other benefits will be improvement in health and vigor of the residual forest stands along the highway.

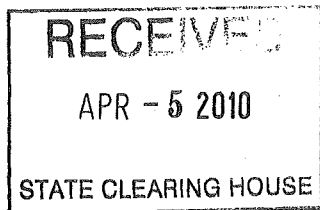
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):  
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### Reasons Project is Exempt

This project fits within the descriptions for a Class 4 Categorical Exemption to CEQA described in the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR Sections 15301, 15302), Minor Alterations to Land. The Unit Forester/Environmental Coordinator has conducted a limited environmental review and has field inspected the project site. The Department has determined that no significant environmental impacts to biological, cultural, air or water resources would occur and that greenhouse gas emissions would be less than significant. Documentation of the environmental review conducted is on file at Butte Unit Headquarters in Oroville and at Sacramento Headquarters.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 4/1/10